Remarks

Applicants kindly request the amendment to Specification be entered. This amendment adds the priority claim. No new matter is being added.

Applicants kindly request the amendments to the Claims be entered. Applicants note that the claims of the international patent application were amended during the PCT stage of the application. At this time, Applicants requests the cancellation of Claims 1-20 which were pending in the international patent application and requests that addition of new Claims 21-36. New Claims 21-36 do not add new matter. Support for new Claims 21-35 can be found throughout the Specification and, more specifically, on pages 5 and 17-25.

Applicant authorizes the Commissioner to charge all fees due to Deposit Account 19-0134. Applicant also requests that all correspondence be directed to the address associated with Customer Number 001095 which is currently as follows:

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Any questions or issues can be directed to the below signed attorney at this address. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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